

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

MARANDA LYNN O'DONNELL, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Case No. 4:16-cv-01414
)	(Consolidated Class Action)
v.)	The Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal
)	U.S. District Judge
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

ALL DEFENDANTS' OPPOSED MOTION FOR COURT ORDERED MEDIATION

Harris County, the Hearing Officers, Judges 1-13 and 15, Judge Fields, Judge Jordan, and the Sheriff—all *Defendants*—request that the Court appoint a mediator and order the parties to mediation. Between the Fifth Circuit's opinion and the Court's Amended Preliminary Injunction, the Defendants believe that a workable settlement that maximizes expeditious pretrial release of misdemeanor arrestees while protecting public safety can be achieved.

With the new injunction set to take effect soon, the Defendants propose that mediation be conducted within the next two weeks. Both this Court and Plaintiffs have recognized that multiple changes to a pretrial system can be disruptive. (*See* ECF No. 392) (*see also* ECF No. 389.) The least disruptive path forward would be for a permanent settlement, as opposed to a preliminary injunction, to go into effect.

Conclusion

The Defendants request that the Court appoint a mediator and order that the parties mediate within the next two weeks.

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Certificate of Conference

I certify that on July 12, 2018, I conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel and that they are opposed to the relief sought.

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on July 13, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the clerk of court for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court.

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